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In re Application of: )  
David VALE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
Application No.: 09/985,820 ) Examiner: Uyen T. Ho  
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FOR PROTECTION DEVICE )  
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003, the reply to which has been extended to June 15, 2004, by the petition for three-month extension of time and required fee payment filed herewith, please amend this application as provided below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the claim amendments section of this paper.